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THE FRIGATE-BIRD.

THE Frigate-Bird has wings so strong—
So very strong—that he
Seems, through the air, to sail along,
Across the foaming sea.

For miles and miles he wings his way,
And never stops to rest;
On mountain waves he finds his prey,—
The tempest suits him best!

For then the fish are thrown up high,—
The Frigate-Bird can't swim;
To dive for fish, why need he try?
The fish come up to him!

THE HERON.

O HERON!—fisher-bird of old—
Once "dainty dish" of cooks!
What stories strange of thee are told—
Told of thee in books;
How thou didst fly from falcons bold,
And friendly be with rooks!

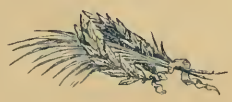
No more art thou "a dainty dish
To set before a king;"
And yet thou art as fond of fish
And quite as strong of wing,
To please such nobles as might wish
Thee to their board to bring!

But still no common bird art thou,
Nor is thy value slight;
Thy plumes adorn a monarch's brow,—
The noblest British knight,
In full costume, must wear them now
With gems and jewels bright!

THE CONDOR.

THE Condor—largest bird that flies—
Has long and lively purple eyes,
Strong talons, beak, and crest;
Far o'er the sea, far o'er the sod
That man, and beast, and bird have trod,
He makes his place of rest.

Miles higher than the ground we tread,
Miles higher than the river's bed,
The mighty Condor soars—
Miles higher than the highest snow
On mountain peaks, whilst miles below
The dreadful tempest roars.



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